

**“AURELIA” 21.11.2008**  
**STRUCK ON BERTH AND COLLISION IN DURRES PORT**



On 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 the passenger ro/ro vessel “Aurelia” employed in liner service from Bari (Italy) to Durres (Albany) entered the port of Durres, when due to heavy wind conditions she stuck against the drydock. With assistance of two tugs, vessel was safely berthed. After few hours, due to sudden change of wind direction, aft moorings parted. The vessel veered on the bows and leaned against several fishing boats berthed closely, sinking three of them. A wreck removal ordered was issued by local Maritime Authority against Owners of “Aurelia”. Removal operations were carried out after few months.

We have been instructed to act on behalf of P&I Club and H&M Underwriters to investigate the casualty and protect “Aurelia” interests before Albany Maritime Authority as well as to settle the claims mounted by entities who suffered patrimonial damages.

All claims have been settled within six months from the event, directly negotiating with fishing boats owners on spot. No salvage claim from the tugs on assistance ever materialised.